

IN THE CLAIMS

1. - 10. (canceled)

11. (new) A scaffold comprising:

a plurality of upright posts extending upwardly;
a plurality of interconnection posts extending between said upright posts, each of said interconnection posts having a first end attached to a first upright post and a second end attached to a second upright post adjacent to said first upright post;

a safety device including a first safety post, a second safety post and at least one safety rail extending between said first safety post and said second safety post, each of said first safety post and said second safety post having a first end and a second end, said first safety post being positioned adjacent one of said plurality of upright posts and said second safety post adjacent a second upright post, each of said first safety post and said second safety post including at least one coupling device for engaging said interconnection posts such that said first safety post is engaged to a first interconnection post and said second safety post is engaged to a second interconnection post, each of said coupling devices including actuation elements for switching said coupling devices between a coupling position and a release position, wherein at least one of said actuation elements is disposed proximate said first ends of said first safety post and said second safety post.

12. (new) The scaffold of claim 11, wherein said safety rail may be adjusted between a first predetermined position having a first length and a second predetermined position having a second length.

13. (new) The scaffold of claim 11, wherein said safety rail is pivotably coupled to said first and said second safety posts.

14. (new) The scaffold of claim 11, wherein each of said coupling devices includes a receiving surface that is placed adjacent an upper surface of said interconnection posts when said coupling devices are engaged to said interconnection posts.

15. (new) The scaffold of claim 11, wherein said safety device includes a second actuation element disposed proximate said second ends of each of said first safety post and said second safety post.

16. (new) The scaffold of claim 15, wherein actuation of either said actuation element disposed proximate said first end of said first safety post or said second actuation element disposed proximate said second end of said first safety post switches said coupling element of said first safety post between said coupling position and said release position.

17. (new) The scaffold of claim 16, wherein said safety rail has a first predetermined position having a first length and a second predetermined position having a second length.

18. (new) The scaffold of claim 11, wherein said actuation elements include knobs that are rotated to switch said coupling devices between said coupling position and said release position.

19. (new) The scaffold of claim 11, wherein said actuation elements include rods disposed within said respective first

safety post or said second safety post, said rods being in communication with said coupling devices of said first and second safety posts.

20. (new) The scaffold of claim 19, wherein when said actuation elements are actuated said rods are caused to rotate and switch said coupling devices from one said coupling position and said release position to the other of said coupling position and said release position.